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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, University of Houston, Department of Economics, 2008 – Present

EDUCATION

- PhD in Economics, European University Institute, December 2008.
Thesis title: International Capital Flows, Technology Spillovers and the Role of Financial Development.
Dissertation Advisors: Morten O. Ravn and Helmut Luetkepohl
Thesis External Committee: Beata Javorcik and Philip Lane.
- MA in Development Economics (Distinction), University of Sussex, 2001 - 2002.
- Erasmus Exchange Program, University of Exeter, Exeter, UK, 2000 – 2001.
- Licenciatura en Economia, Universidad de Cantabria, Santander, Spain, 19997-2001.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Financial Constraints and Balance-Sheet Mismatches: The Role of Foreign Ownership During Crises” with Sebnem Kalemli-Ozcan and Herman Kamil.
- “FDI Spillovers and the Role of Local Financial Markets: Evidence from Mexico” (revised version April 2009)
- “Capital Flows and Convergence” (revised version March 2009)
- “The Durability of Flexible Exchange Rate Regimes” with Iva Petrova (revised version December 2008).

AWARDS

- Thesis Completion Grant, European University Institute, 2007.
- Doctoral Scholarship, MAECAECI (Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs), 2004-2007.
- Erasmus Fellowship, European Union, 2001 – 2002.

TEACHING

International Monetary Economics, undergraduate -- Spring 2009.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- INEGI, Mexican Statistical Office, Visiting Researcher, Summer 2007.
- International Monetary Fund, Exchange Rate Division, Intern, June – Sept 2006.
- European Commission, DG – Trade, Unit A2: Trade Analysis, Feb – July 2004.
- Universite Libre de Bruxelles, Economics Department DULBEA, Research Fellow, Sep 2002 – Feb 2004.
- University of Sussex, Research Assistant for Prof. Alan Winters, May – Sept 2002.
- Banco Santander Central Hispano (Spanish Commercial Bank), Intern, Jul – August 2001.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- 2009 : 6th Midwest International Economic Development Conference, University of Minnesota, US.
Workshop on Firm-Level Data Analysis in Transition and Developing Countries, Edinburgh, Scotland.
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Dallas.
- 2008: Spanish Economic Association Meetings, Zaragoza.
Sixth ELSNIT Conference on Integration and Trade, Florence.
International Economic Association 15th World Congress, Istanbul.
University of Houston, Houston.
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Atlanta.
Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna.
Universidad de Navarra.
Trinity College, Dublin.
CEPII, Paris.
- 2007: Spanish Economic Association Meetings, Granada.
VIIth Doctoral Meeting in International Trade and International Finance, Rennes.
- 2003: 4th INIR Workshop: “The Economics of Knowledge Spillovers”, Brussels.
ENTER Jamboree, Universidad Autonoma Barcelona, Barcelona.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Italian (fair).